



### **West Lafayette Beautification Award ~ November 2008**

Kudos to West Lafayette in Bloom, the November winner of the Beautification Award! This committee, headed up by Lynn Layden, Bev Shaw and Ann Hunt, coordinated the City's entry in the 2008 America in Bloom contest. The committee was new to this competition, but by combining their knowledge of City operations along with community efforts, a successful campaign to win the city size award was launched. Their creativity in suggesting hot pink as a floral accent caught the attention of neighborhoods from north to south, as well as the many Adopt a Spots around town. The assistance of city employees, community groups such as the Neighborhood Association coalition, Go-Greener and the Master Gardeners impressed the judges when they visited in June. The welcome the judges received at the reception at Lilly Nature Center was remarkable, and the judges noted the presence of so many city officials, beautification winners, and other volunteers. The tour on Friday and Saturday was packed with environmental information, data on urban forestry, views of all the neighborhoods and parks, and many points of interest in the heritage category. The committee is grateful to all citizens of West Lafayette who made this award possible.